

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

June  
2018

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“You’ve got to shake your fists at lightning now,  
you’ve got to roar like forest fire

You’ve got to spread your light  
like blazes all across the sky

They’re going to aim the hoses on you,  
show ‘em you won’t expire

Not till you burn up every passion,  
not even when you die”

—JONI MITCHELL

## JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, May 27	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum on Aging at Havurah
Sat, June 2	10:30 AM	Climate Vigil at Cross Street Bridge
Mon, June 4	7:00 PM	Read Aloud group, at Cheryl Mitchell's
Sun, June 10	8:30 AM	W & S Committee at Havurah
	9:00 AM	Earthcare Committee at Havurah
Mon, June 11	4:30 PM	Experiment with Light at Jean Rosenberg's
Sun, June 17	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum at Havurah
Thurs, June 21	8:30 AM	ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sun, June 24	8:30 AM	MM for Business (note change from third Sunday which is Father's Day)
Thurs, June 25	7:00 PM	Experiment with Light at Barbara shulamith Clearbridge's
Mon, July 9	4:30 PM	Experiment with Light at Cheryl Mitchell's
Sun, Aug 12	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business (summer meeting that covers July and August)
Sun, Sept. 16	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business

### REPORT ON THE EXPANDING WORSHIP WORKSHOP

On April 21-22, 2018, Middlebury Friends Meeting (VT) hosted a wonderful workshop on Experiments in Expanding Quaker Worship: Forms with Life, created and led by Jonathan Vogel-Borne (Cambridge Mtg) and Kristina Keefe-Perry (Fresh Pond Mtg). Together we explored what we mean by worship, and reviewed a history of Quaker worship. We shared in small groups some of our experiences of attending to the divine and centering in meeting. Then we created a worshipful "dinner church" under Kristina's guidance. Together we made soup and fruit salad, set the tables, and prepared some songs and readings. Then we gathered with candlelight, sang, listened to the readings, waited in expectant silence, closed with a song, and sat down in small groups to eat and converse, prompted with some queries. We closed with a benediction. We included the children in many parts of this. On Sunday after Meeting for Worship, we took the time to reflect with Jonathan and Kristina on Saturday's experience, and share some thoughts and ideas their workshop had inspired.

— *Worship & Study Committee, Middlebury Friends Meeting*

## NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon  
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REBECCA HOLMES writes that her granddaughter GRACE will be graduating from Parker Charter School in Ayer, MA and will be attending University of Vermont! She is interested in music, math, anthropology and psychology.

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MARTIN GLAZER has graduated from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. MARK MOSS, MARY KAY GLAZER and daughter MARIA were able to be there to celebrate with Martin and his fiancé SARAH. Martin has a biology degree and plans to teach middle school science. Sarah has a double degree in visual communication design and peace and justice. She wants to freelance and already has clients. Her website is: <https://www.sarahglazerdesign.com> Next is a wedding for Martin and Sarah in August at Powell House in Old Chatham, NY. Mark and Mary Kay are feeling quite settled in their Greenville, NC home and relate “We’ve got room for visitors!”.

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DON PEABODY’S eldest daughter ELENA got married to fellow Vermonter- in-Brooklyn, JEREME MONGEON.

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ANAS MITCHELL’S show “Hadestown” is opening at the National Theatre in London in November. CHERYL and Don get to go over to take care of Ramona while it is in pre-production.

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KAI ARMSTRONG ( daughter of LUCY and BRAD) is graduating from Fairfield University on May 20! Her degree is in Communications and PR. She has a job lined up with the Lily Pulitzer store in Nantucket, Mass.

—Lucy

# Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

20 May, 2018

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Baskett, Sas Carey, Tom Dickinson, Joe Garren, Brud Leedom, Grace McGrath, Cheryl Mitchell, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, and Peter Schenck.

18.05.01 Monthly meeting opened with a reading from John Punshon's, *Encounter With Silence*

18.05.02 Previous minutes: April monthly meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. March minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

18.05.03 Treasurer's Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey) All statements in this report are as of April 15, 2018: From March 18 through April 14, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$665. From March 18 through April 14, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled \$2276.25 including \$320 for children's program coordination, \$125 to NWQM, \$725 to NEYM, \$662.50 to Havurah, \$70 for worship listing in Friends Journal, \$168.75 to Addison Independent for worship directory listing, \$80 for directories, \$25 for MACA annual dues, and \$100 for childcare. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$6910.30

All statements in this report are as of May 20, 2018: From April 15 through May 19, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$580. From April 15 through May 19, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled \$805.39 including \$160 for children's program coordination, \$97.50 for workshop childcare, \$300 for workshop speakers, \$167.89 for workshop food and \$80 for childcare. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$6684.91.

Karen delivered her first quarter report for 2018. It was noted that as of March 31, income received was \$3,180. The budget is based on \$15,765 income for 2018.

FOLLOW UP:

- 1) NEYM scholarship line item of \$400 will be sent directly to YM.
- 2) Expenses for the Experiments in Worship: The actual need for funds to support the weekend workshop was not brought before Monthly Meeting before the workshop, as should have happened. After acknowledging this error, attention turned to how expenses would be designated within the budget. So far food expenses and child care have been reimbursed, as well as honoraria sent to the 2 workshop leaders. Rent for the Saturday use of Havurah has yet to be paid. The treasurer asks

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MFM to determine how the expenses should be allotted from the budget. It was decided to ask the Rachel Carey Harper fund committee to consider if some of the expenses could be covered by this fund (of which \$1,350 remains to be spent).

#### 18.05.04 Worship and Study (Priscilla Baker and Peter Schenck)

- 1) Experiments in Worship: Those who attended felt the workshop with Jonathan Vogel-Borne and Kristina Keefe-Perry was a meaningful and successful experience. 25 attended the Saturday afternoon session and a similar number participated in the Dinner Church. There was a follow up Friendly Forum on Sunday, following worship, to process the experience and begin to consider how to incorporate ideas into future worship experiences. Total expenses of \$622.89 include honoraria, childcare, food and rent. We propose to monthly meeting that we tap into different line items within the MFM budget to cover these expenses, as well the Rachel Carey-Harper fund, if deemed appropriate by that fund's ad hoc committee.
- 2) Friendly Forums: May 27 Lucy McKeon and Tom Baskett will facilitate a FF on aging which will cover aging, in general, as well as MFM as an aging meeting and what does that mean for the future?

June 17 or 24 (whichever is not the June monthly meeting for business): This FF could be a follow up to the March FF on worship, informed by the Experiments in Worship workshop, or a follow up to the FF on aging.

- 3) Plans were finalized for the Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 13.

#### 18.05.05 Committee on Outreach and Social Action – COSA (Cheryl Mitchell)

Cheryl began her report by stating: “We have lots of energy to do the work, but little energy for meetings.” The following items were discussed at the last COSA meeting: We heard a brief report on the wonderful community Supper that was held April 27. We heard the process of soliciting priorities for the FCNL legislative agenda. And we discussed the future of COSA and recommend reporting the following to business meeting:

The Committee on Outreach and Social Action might productively be laid down as it currently exists (a standing monthly committee meeting) and be replaced by the following:

- Ad Hoc groups that attend to particular projects including
- The fall and spring community supper team
- The NWQM hosting team (when needed)
- The NWQM liaison team Tom D. for Ministry and Oversight, Don and Lianna for planning sessions that MFM does not host
- Some identified people to serve as Liaison with NEYM

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- FCNL connections: Ladybelle to receive correspondence and send on relevant letters to the rest of MFM and Tom D. to head up the priority setting every other year- we think it should be done with a face to face gathering in 2020.
- An annual or semi-annual Social Justice Fair in which members of our meeting present poster sessions about their work and the work of organizations to which they belong. We did this once very successfully for NWQM. Tom D. and Cheryl would help organize this
- We love the work of first day school and the climate action group in interviewing meeting members and hope that could be expanded to include people's social justice work. Also interviews could be published in the newsletter.
- Creating a Networking Map that shows which organizations MFM folk are part of (Migrant Justice, Indivisible, SURJ, Black Lives Matter, Habitat, Refugee Resettlement, HomeShare, Hospice, etc.) So that newcomers could more easily connect with these community wide efforts.
- Offering a regular listening and sharing session for activists. (Perhaps over bread and soup once a month) in which people can share their work, their social justice concerns, and their needs for support. This to be modeled somewhat on the Middlebury Clergy Association
- Placing a strong, meeting wide effort on follow-up to the George Lakey Visit.

COSA is open to all other suggestions.

#### 18.05.06 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam)

- Personal Earthcare Profiles: The committee is continuing to interview Friends for a series of profiles of participants in our Meeting that detail how their lives and work are informed by a concern for the Earth and the changing climate. We encourage Friends who would like to participate to get in touch with the Earthcare Committee.
- Following up Lakey visit: The Committee discussed how our Meeting could build on the momentum created by George's visit. We believe the Meeting could collaborate with the Huddlebury group in Middlebury which is planning a gathering in the fall with representatives from all over the state coming together to create a vision statement for Vermont. Several participants in our Meeting are members of Huddlebury and will keep our Meeting informed of the progress. We would appreciate having the support of the Meeting for this work.

FOLLOW UP: It was announced that George will be keynote speaker at VT Power and Light annual meeting on Oct. 13.

18.05.07 Pastoral Care (Grace McGrath) Follow up to a request for membership will be brought to the June Meeting for Business.

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18.05.08 Fellowship Committee (Spence Putnam) No report

18.05.09 Nominating Committee (Sas Carey) When we started, we had 32 people willing to serve in various capacities. Those not interested in an active role were either taking an intentional break from service, feeling unable because of illness or infirmity or have other more pressing responsibilities at this time. That is to say there was a strong sense that people are putting forth the best that they can.

Approximately 44 spots were identified in our established committees and individual, meeting specific jobs such as clerk, librarian etc. This does not include community programs.

There was some difficulty filling positions, most notably membership in COSA and assigning clerks. There was a strong sense of people wanting or needing to cut back who do not want multiple roles and a shortage of Friends prepared for leadership roles.

We had many requests for Pastoral Care.

There were a fair number of requests for things that are not on our current list of priorities, such as Friendly Eights.

Recommendations:

- Ask Friends to be aware of how long they have been on a specific committee or in a specific role and move on to another periodically.
- There should be some effort to prioritize and reduce those activities that are not essential to the operation of MFM. For now we agree with those who have advocated the laying down of COSA. Their critical functions such as planning and hosting quarterly meeting would have to be reassigned. Fellowship Committee's tasks include 2-4 social events a year and they should not be asked to provide hospitality for events sponsored by other committees.
- Individual committees or the Meeting as a whole should be tightening up their job descriptions to reflect what they actually do.
- We would suggest that there are numerous activities and concerns that can be addressed by ad hoc groups yet not burden committees. These are similar to the reading group, experiment with light, men's group and could include friendly eights, special guests and presentations. These can emerge and get laid down as people are led without affecting what we have determined as our most important functions.
- Identify and encourage those interested in and coming to maturation in leadership roles by encouraging participation in workshops, mentoring groups and sharing responsibilities.

There was discussion about the timing of changes in committee membership. It is suggested we delay printing the annual MFM Meeting Directory until new commit-

tees have been determined and approved. Friends agreed to print the Directory in July, starting in 2019.

Roster: Notable is the removal of individual tasks from committee responsibility. The question was raised whether the Children's Program will continue to be under the umbrella of Worship and Study or be a stand alone committee.

It was noted that the reality of aging membership is beginning to effect committees, positions, and sustaining MFM.

18.05.10 NEYM: We will name representatives at June MFM.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence

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## NOMINATING DRAFT SLATE MAY 20, 2018

### **Clerks**

Jean Rosenberg, Tom Baskett

### **Recording Clerk**

Lucy McKeon '18

### COMMITTEES

#### **Worship & Study**

Joe Garren '18, Annie Stratton '18,  
Cheryl Mitchell '18, Lianna Tennial,  
Jean Rosenberg

#### **Pastoral Care**

Brud Leedom, Meg Langworthy '18,  
Wendy Goodwin, Norm Tjossem,  
Grace McGrath, Faith Lowell '18

#### **EarthCare**

Susan Smiley, Fran Putnam, Mimi Love-  
Nicholson, Spence Putnam, Ted Colwell,  
Win Colwell, Chris Stackhouse

#### **Fellowship**

Robert Wyatt '18, Rebe Holmes,  
Jake Jacobs, Joe Garren

#### **Children's Program**

Fran Putnam, Tom Nicholson,

Erin Ruble, Lianna Tennial

### **Finance**

Karen Nawn-Fahey, Debbie Ramsdell  
'18, Spence Putnam, Jean Rosenberg

### **Nominating**

Spence Putnam '18, Lucy McKeon,  
Sas Carey

### COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION CONTACT PEOPLE

#### **MACA**

Peter Schenck '18

#### **Middlebury College Student Liaison**

Sas Carey '18, Molly Anderson '18

#### **Library**

Peter Schenck

#### **Listserv**

Aaron Coburn

#### **NEYM**

Susanna McCandless '18

#### **Community Dinner**

Don Peabody, Karen Nawn-Fahey,  
Tom Dickinson, Susan Smiley

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**Archivist**

Lucy McKeon

**Recorder**

Brud Leedom

**NWQM**

Tom Dickinson (Ministry and Oversight Committee)

**Havurah Contact**

Chris Stackhouse, Spence Putnam

**Website Coordinator**

Win Colwell

**Newsletter Editor**

Win Colwell

**Nametags**

Win Colwell

**News of Quakerly Interest**

Lucy McKeon

**Spirit in Nature**

Open

**AFSC**

Open

**FCNL**

Ladybelle Fiske

**NWQM Planning Committee**

Don Peabody, Lianna Tennel

**Habitat for Humanity**

Tom Dickinson

**ACORN**

Susan Smiley

**CropWalk**

Manya Dickinson

**Homeshare**

Ruth Barenbaum, Manya Dickinson, Becky Stratton

**Lunch Program**

Tom Dickinson

**Middlebury Energy Committee**

Laura Asermily

**Addison County Farm Workers**

Cheryl Mitchell, Susanna McCandless, Wendy Goodwin

**Board of Migrant Justice**

Susanna McCandless

**Deliver Food to Food Shelf**

Laura Asermily



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## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Editor: Win Colwell

### Co-Clerks

Tom Baskett 989-7034  
Jean Rosenberg 388-6453

### Recording Clerk

Priscilla Baker  
388-8024

### Treasurer

Karen Nawn-Fahey  
PO Box 1026  
Middlebury, VT 05753

### Pastoral Care Committee

Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.  
Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

Sas Carey (388-1301)  
Wendy Goodwin (385-1900)

Norm Tjossem (388-0338)  
Brud Leedom (558-1005)

Grace McGrath (388-6576)

We welcome your submissions! — [winslow.colwell@gmail.com](mailto:winslow.colwell@gmail.com)  
News of Quakerly Interest — [lucym@shoreham.net](mailto:lucym@shoreham.net)

## MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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